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OUR FUTURE

A person is in the Kingdom of God and goes to Heaven because they truly believe in Jesus Christ. He is their Lord. They have been born of water and the Spirit as Jesus says. In other words, as explained in last month's newsletter, when a person seriously and with all his heart repents and asks Jesus to be his Lord, he is washed clean of his past sins and he receives a new spirit! There really is a new you. Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:17 says the old has gone and the new has come. Just go to last month's newsletter for more on this.

People do not get into the Kingdom because of good works or belonging to a certain church or working in some community group or generally even being a nice person. That has nothing to do with it.

Looking forward, the Lake of Fire, the eternal hell, will eventually be filled with

- Muslims
- Buddhists
- Hindus
- Any other believer in any false religion
- Atheists
- Basically, all people on the planet who do not truly have Jesus as their Lord when they die – all godless people
- Plus the devil, the antichrist, and the false prophet

So we can say truthfully that as of now the great majority of persons living in Muslim nations will spend eternity in hell. So too most who live in places like India and China and numerous other nations. But so too sadly even the majority of those who live in the so-called Christian west, like Europe or the US.

Attending church has nothing to do with your being in Heaven. The fundamental question is do you know Jesus. Is he the Lord of your life?

If you are honest with yourself, I expect you can readily write down a list of persons you know – famous and also just those in your group of daily contacts – who apparently are not in the Kingdom. We thank God we are not the ultimate judge of all this, but for many the future is quite apparent – unless they change their lives.

There are four key scriptures right out of the mouth of Jesus himself regarding the true believer and being in the Kingdom of God. We have talked about this before but this is worth repeating many times!!! First and perhaps the most well know scripture in the Bible:

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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16

I have said over and over in so many paces that this “belief” here is solid belief, like you believe there is enough oxygen in the room in which you are living to keep you alive; otherwise, you would be running out the door. In other words, absolute belief. Not that modern way we often use the word believe in normal conversation, which is much weaker.

Then there is this fundamental verse, the one Jesus said when he was speaking to Nicodemus in John 3:5:

“Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

So there has to be a real spiritual rebirth. Back in John 1 the writer notes that it is as if God himself becomes our father. In fact, the Good News Translation actually says that directly:

Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children. They did not become God's children by natural means, that is, by being born as the children of a human father; God himself was their Father. (Good News Translation) – John 1:12-13

Then we have this verse that points out a believer must be striving to do the will of God:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ – Matthew 7:21-23

And one more key section that makes the point a person must be as innocent and believing as a little child:

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. – Matthew 18:2-4

All of these key verses are truths directly from Jesus about being in the Kingdom!!!

So we must have absolute belief in Jesus, live to fulfill God’s will, be born again – born of water and the spirit, and have the faith of innocent children. This is all serious business indeed.

The Apostle Paul had a quick summary way of putting all this that is often quoted:

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If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. – Romans 10:9

As the world system spirals ever downward, more and more out of control, the special moment when Jesus appears to collect his believers is rapidly approaching.

If anyone does not know Jesus and have him as their Lord but hopes to be in the Kingdom they need to do something about that now! In all seriousness they need to do this:

- Repent. Change what they are doing.
- Ask the Lord to forgive them for their sins.
- Ask Jesus to be the Lord of their life.

That's it. Pretty straight-forward. And absolutely life-changing. If a person seriously does that Jesus will take it from there.

The Kingdom of God is where you want to spend eternity. Not anywhere else.

WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH HERE IS EVIL

The war with Iran if it ends as now appears may have pushed back the magnitude of attacks on Israel and the West from Iran for a while, but it has done nothing so far to reduce the absolute maniacal radical Muslim behavior of the Iranian leaders. They still want Israel out of existence as well as the US.

These Iranian leaders follow in the long term objective of Islam that began after Mohammed's death many centuries ago, an objective of the world being under Islam. At that time a Muslim army swept out of Arabia through northern Africa and into Spain and eventually France, conquering the northern African countries and converting them by force into Muslim nations. Thankfully for all Western civilization Charles Martel of France led an army against the Muslims and defeated them in Tours France, stopping this rolling victory parade for Islam. But as we see even today, that is only temporary. Large numbers of Muslim immigrants into European countries today are changing the character and culture of many of those nations.

The leaders in Iran continue in power. Certainly as hopefully most people in the US know, the government of Iran cannot be trusted at all to live up to or abide by any agreement.

More true knowledge of spiritual matters among all the leaders of the US and the West would have been a great help here. Bible prophecy in Ezekiel 38-39 tells us that Iran is part of a coalition that attacks Israel. I think that likely happens in the early days of the Tribulation, but it could happen sooner. So the Bible itself tells us the hatred of Iran for Israel continues after this current conflict.

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It would be good if American and European leaders understood even more of radical Muslim theology. Iranian leaders believe that at some point in a time of great turmoil and upheaval the Mahdi will return, a Muslim “messiah.” So you can see that anything that leads to wild out of control war and tumult to them will be good and an environment in which the Mahdi can return. Years ago while Ahmadinejad was president of Iran, they spoke of the Mahdi. It is still very real to them.

AN ENCOURAGING VIDEO NOTE

We have reported in past newsletters how several of our short videos on Jesus and his soon return have reached really huge numbers of people in many nations of the world. Sadly, for whatever reason, in the USA that never seemed to be the case with these videos. I don’t know why. Perhaps many Americans think they already know all they need to know. Anyway, last week I decided to try one more time using another avenue with X in pushing our video WHEN JESUS COMES TO COLLECT HIS BELIEVERS in the USA area. Shockingly, immediately there was a much greater response than in the past! In a few days this video reached almost 400,000 in the USA. And many actively responded in various ways, liking the video, checking out who we are, looking at the web site and more. Maybe there really is an awakening happening among some Americans!!!

OUR THANKS AGAIN TO ALL THOSE SUPPORTING THIS MINISTRY WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL DONATIONS!

When you are tempted to despair at this current world just remember:

The darkness that is in this world will never overcome the light that is Jesus.

May you live in the blessings of God always.

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